



## Moab Division of Fire Management

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### **BLM TO CONDUCT FUEL MODIFICATION AROUND EASTLAND**

**Eastland, Utah...** October, 2004, the Monticello Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) with coordination from the State of Utah, (Dept. of Natural Resources) Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands (DNR) proposes to implement (Phase I) a hazardous fuels reduction project on 150 acres of public lands administered by the BLM. The project units are adjacent to private homes in the rural community of Eastland.

Eagle Pass Reforestation, Inc. was awarded the contract and will begin their efforts the first week of October. During Phase I the contractor will hand cut the woodlands along various BLM boundaries to create a shaded fuel break. A shaded fuel break is built by removing select trees, "dead and down" trees and excess brush to open an area up without removing all the vegetation. This also creates a space for wildland firefighters to defend the community without jeopardizing their safety.

The proposed action would conform to Rangeland Health Standards by providing a more reliable forage base and improved vegetative diversity in the Eastland area.

Homeowners have already combined efforts with the DNR to write a community fire plan. Lots and homes are currently being assessed for hazardous fuel reduction.

For more project information, please call Heather O'Hanlon @ 435-259-2184.

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